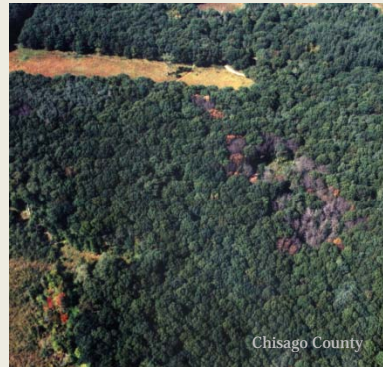


Landscape-Level Policy and Planning



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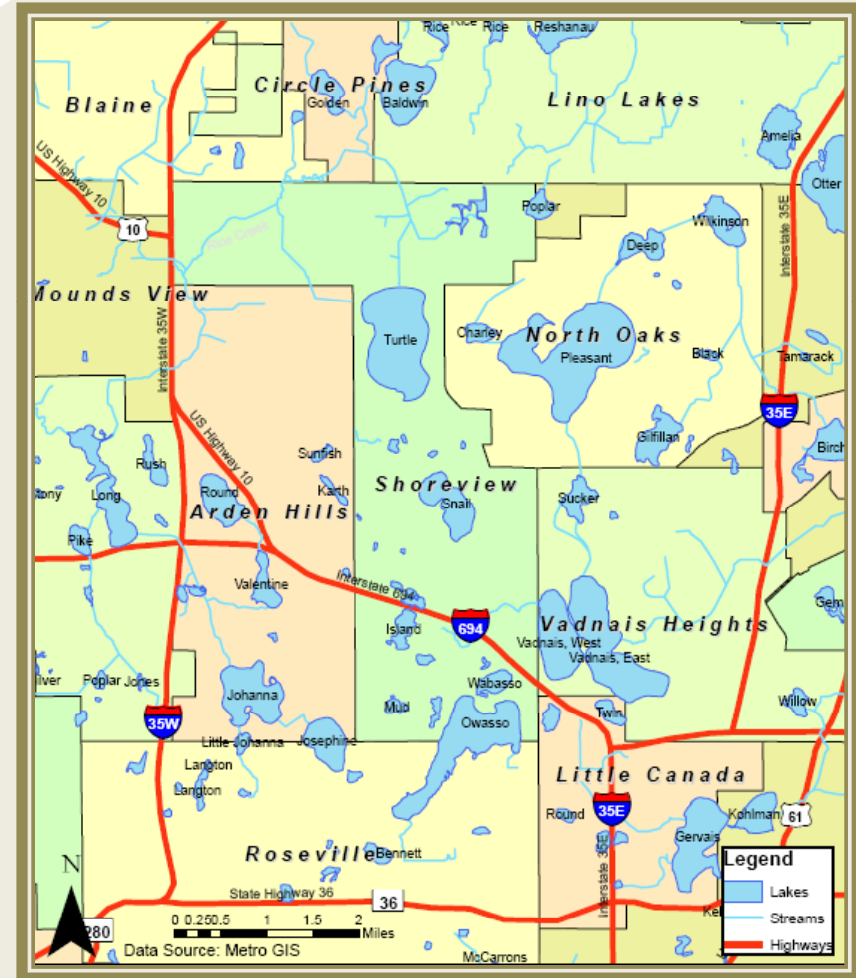
Introduction



- **What is Landscape-Level Policy and Planning ?**
 - Policy and planning that takes into account the broader natural landscape
 - Encourages collaboration on natural resource issues beyond political boundaries
- **Why is it Important?**
 - Ecosystem boundaries often do not align with jurisdictional borders
 - Addresses landscape-level issues in an efficient and effective way

Methods

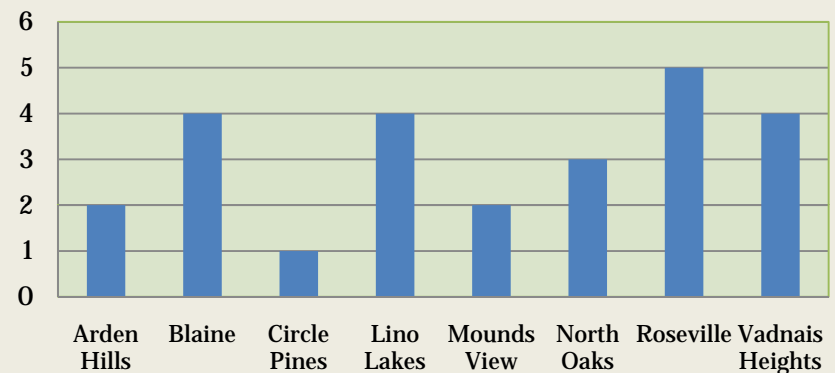
- Interviews
 - City staff
 - Watershed organization staff
 - County staff
- Document review
 - City codes
 - Comprehensive plans



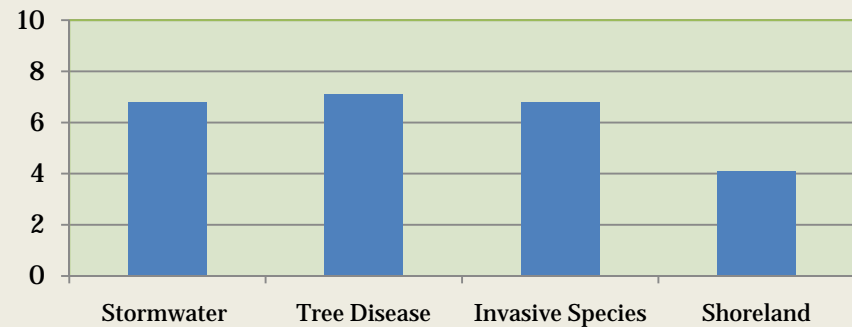
Findings

- Cities share natural resource goals
- Some successful collaboration exists
- Ordinances vary greatly on some issues
- Willingness to collaborate exists

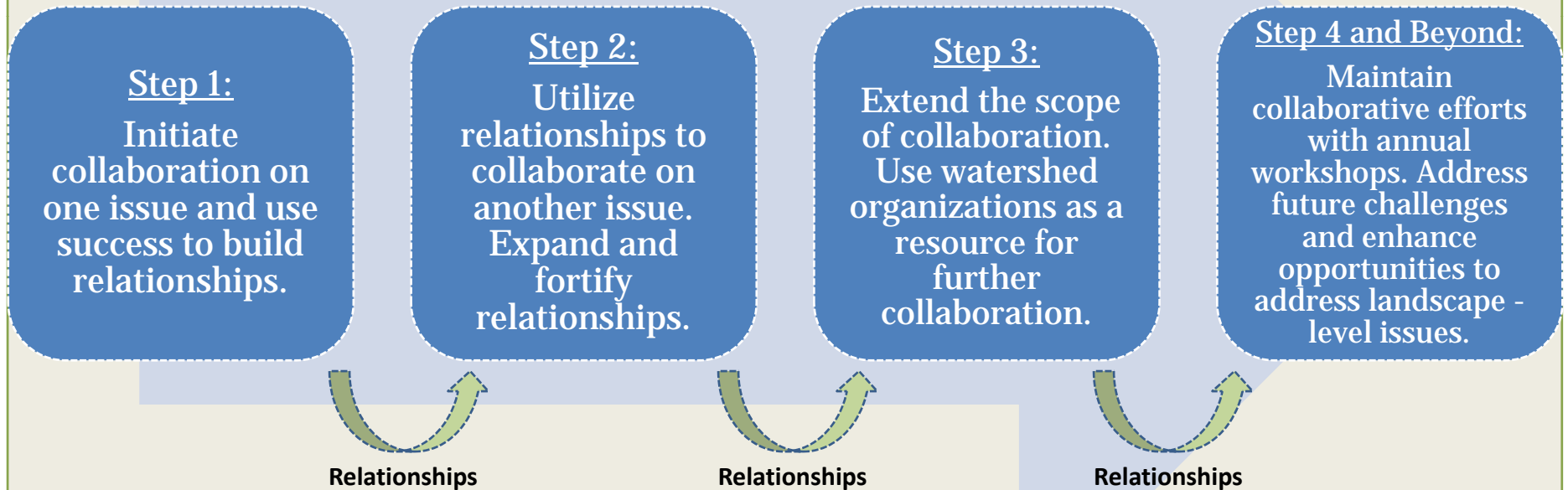
Number of natural resource themes in comprehensive plan shared with Shoreview.



Average willingness to collaborate on management areas based on staff interviews (Ten being most willing, one being not willing)



Recommendations



Step 1: Focus initially on a current topic of interest having clear benefits from collaboration such as deer management.



- Achieve collaborative success early
- Why deer?
 - Nuisance
 - Safety hazard
 - Interest in surrounding communities
 - Clear benefit to collaboration

Step 2: Utilize relationships initiated in deer management efforts to address other landscape-level issues while expanding and fortifying relationships.



- Tree disease and pest management
- Work to standardize removal policies across the landscape
- Plan for sharing resources and reporting

Step 3: Expand work with watershed organizations to further collaboration with surrounding communities.



- Nutrient runoff regulations vary greatly among cities
- Work with watershed organizations to promote municipal best management practices across watersheds

Step 4: Maintain collaborative efforts toward landscape-level planning by holding annual workshops to continue relationships for future challenges.



- Forum to promote collaboration and information sharing among city staff and decision makers
- Incentive for attendance
 - Cost-sharing and resource-pooling
 - Relevant grant information
 - Continuing education units



Questions?

